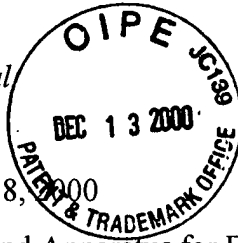


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AMENDMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 12, 2000. Please amend the above named application as follows:

In the Disclosure

On page 3 of the disclosure, after line 26 insert:

-- Summary of the Invention --

On page 4 of the disclosure, line 6, replace -- as described hereinbelow. -- with -- which provides a local expander connected to a host controller and a remote expander connected to a peripheral device, wherein signals between the host controller and the peripheral device are processed in the local and/or remote expander so as to allow the host controller and peripheral device to be located at distances greater than normally specified in the USB Specification. --

On page 4 of the disclosure, line 7, delete -- Summary of the Invention --

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